

## REMARKS

Claims 7-18 have been added. Thus, Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claims 1-6 have been amended.

Formal drawings will be furnished upon allowance of the application.

Support for newly added Claims 7, 11 and 15 can be found on page 12, line 3 - page 14, line 25 of the specification. Support for newly added Claims 8, 12 and 16 can be found on page 5, lines 16-17 of the specification. Support for newly added Claims 9-10, 13-14 and 17-18 can be found on page 6, lines 4-5 of the specification.

### Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Reardon* (US 6,212,635). Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection insofar as it might apply to the claims as amended herein.

Applicants note with appreciation of the interview with the Examiner. Based on the Examiner's comments during the interview, Applicants had amended the claims accordingly. Amended Claim 1 (and similarly Claims 3 and 5) now recites a step of "in response to a coupling of a non-proprietary device to a non-proprietary bus within a vehicle environment, determining whether or not said non-proprietary device has been registered to more than one gateway controller." Such determining step is not taught or suggested by *Reardon*. Furthermore, Claim 1 recites a proprietary bus, a non-proprietary bus and a gateway controller to be contained within a vehicle environment. In contrast, the teachings of *Reardon* are related to a computer network environment (col. 1, lines 20-22). Because the claimed invention includes novel features that are not taught or suggested by *Reardon*, the § 102 rejection is believed to be overcome.

### CONCLUSION

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that independent Claims 1, 3 and 5 along with their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner but not relied upon has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of this application, please charge it against IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted,



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